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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1888.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter.)

### THE STANLEY EXPEDITION.

LONDON, December 23rd.

The Stanley expedition was at Wadai last January, and a little later Emin Pasha received a letter from the Mahdi demanding the surrender of the province. Emin refused to accede to this demand. In April the Mahdi's troops were approaching Stanley and vainly urging him to return.

(From the Straits Times.)

### THE NAVY.

LONDON, December 14th.

Lord Charles Beresford in the debate on the Naval Estimates insisted on the inadequacy of the fleet, and the necessity of forthwith expending twenty millions in building ironclads and cruisers. Lord George Hamilton admitted that the Fleet was below the necessary level but hoped to be able to further augment it in 1889.

### THE SOUDAN.

December 16th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Goschen said that the Government would do its utmost to ascertain the truth of Osman Digna's letter, and whether, if true, there be any hope of negotiating the release of the captives, but that in the meanwhile it was impossible to suspend operations for the relief of Suakin.

Mr. Gladstone speaking at Limehouse, said that the interests of neither England nor Egypt required the retention of so trumpety a spot as Suakin.

### LORD DUFFERIN.

The Freedom of the City of London has been conferred upon the Marquis of Dufferin.

(From the Courrier d'Haiphong.)

### THE INDO-CHINESE COUNCIL.

PARIS, December 14th.

A decree has re-organized the superior Council for Indo-China under the Presidency of the Governor-General. The following are the members:—The General in command of the Army of Occupation in Indo-China, the commander of the Naval forces in Tonquin, the Resident-General of Cambodia, the Director of the local service in Indo-China, and the Attorney-General of the Republic at Saigon.

### THE PANAMA CANAL.

December 16th.

The Chamber of Deputies has rejected by 262 votes against 188 the bill relating to the Panama Company.

### THE INDO-CHINESE LOAN.

SAIGON, December 17th.

The loan of 100 million francs was voted yesterday by the Colonial Council.

### DEATH OF THE KINH-LUOC.

PHU-LANG-THUONG, December 18th.

The Kinh-Luoc died this morning at Hanoi.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary learns that the Sherdan Mining Company's Debentures have been fully allotted at par and over.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Dec. 23rd, are:—Europeans 133, Chinese 1,257; total, 1,390.

ORDERS have been sent to Major-General Gordon, Superintendent of the Cao, to discontinue sending out the chain-gang in future. Quite right.

A REGULAR meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A CHINAMAN was committed for trial by Mr. Pollock this morning for trying to entice a boy away from his home. He was stopped when getting on the Kiukiang to go to Macao.

A CHINAMAN was found dead in Second Street, this morning. He had burst a blood-vessel, and some Samaritan had put a mat over him, but omitted to send for help, and he wafted away-up the golden-stair without the assistance of a doctor.

CHIRIAN'S Circus at Bowington was crowded to overflowing on Monday and last night. The change of programme has created new attractions, and the lovely weather we have had has greatly contributed to bumper houses.

The show opens to-night at 9 o'clock as usual.

THE Messageries Maritimes steamer *Caledonia* made the run from Kobe to Yokohama the other day in twenty-two hours.

THE Shanghai *Progress* notices the closing of the old Portuguese Club and the opening of another institution on similar lines in the Model Settlement.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) that the "Glen" liner *Glen-egles*, from New York, left Singapore yesterday for this port.

THE Manila *Comercio* says that the works in connection with the first railway in the Archipelago, between the capital and Dagupan, are very far advanced.

CAPT. Young, of the steamer *Pakistan*, on the arrival of that vessel at Singapore from Swatow on the 18th inst., handed over to the Optum Farmer 118 tins of opium, valued at \$2,596, which he found on board without an owner who cared to claim the valuable contraband.

THE *Courrier d'Haiphong* publishes a long letter written by a French missionary at Sedang, in which he gives full details of M. de Mayrean's mission to that country and his subsequent elevation to royal honours. Like most missionary utterances, this one breathes hatred and uncharitableness throughout, and on that account loses all influence on the impartial reader it otherwise might have.

THE appeal of Mr. Moylan, barrister-at-law, against the decision of the Recorder of Rangoon, who for an alleged contempt of court stopped Mr. Moylan from practising his profession in that town, has been heard before the Chief Justice of the 1st inst. Chief Justice Sir C. Fetherston referred to the case as a trumpety one, and eventually the Court allowed the appeal, reversing the order of the Recorder.

THE seventh competition for the Hongkong Rifle Association Monthly Challenge Cup took place yesterday afternoon and resulted in favor of Mr. C. Ford, (17 points allowed) who put on 30 at the 200 and 27 at the 500 yards. Mr. S. John Hooper, allowed 25, was second with a total of 73. There were 13 competitors, and the actual highest score was Mr. E. L. Woodin (allowed 2), who totalled 32 and 28 respectively at the two ranges.

MR. PARNELL'S Scottish action against the Times was debated in the First Division of the Court of Session, Edinburgh, on Saturday, November 24th, before Lord President Inglis, Lord Muir, Lord Shand, and Lord Adam, on appeal by the Defendants from the judgment of Lord Kinnear, allowing the Plaintiff a proof on the relevancy of the jurisdiction in Scotland. The Court unanimously sustained the interlocutor.

A TELEGRAM from London to the *Bombay Gazette*, commenting on Lord Salisbury's references at Edinburgh to the candidature of Dadabhai Navrojee as M. P. for Central Finsbury, says that the Premier spoke of him as a black man, expressing doubts whether things had got to such a point when English electors had sufficiently overcome their prejudices to return a black man to Parliament. The Liberal papers severely censure Lord Salisbury's terms of speech.

ANOTHER piratical attack at Haiphong, Tonquin, is reported by the *Courrier d'Haiphong*. On the 15th inst. a detachment of militiamen was surrounded by a numerous band, and a fierce struggle ensued, both sides getting re-inforcements and fresh supplies of ammunition. After half a day's battle, the enemy left 200 dead on the field, and 13 rifles of the Gras pattern. The village of Than-ha was destroyed. The French losses were few wounded.

THE Portuguese community of Shanghai must be well advanced in mental training, science, and general information, when they take to discussing topics such as the one they chose for debate at the last meeting of what is termed the Catholic Circle, namely,—"That the modern idea of liberty should be opposed, as being injurious to the welfare of mankind; morally, socially and politically." The Roman Catholic clergy in the Model Settlement ought to be complimented on the able manner in which they rear their cattle.

THE match between the Hongkong Football Club and the Northamptonshire Regiment played at Causeway Bay on Christmas Eve resulted in a victory for the Regiment, by four goals to one. The return match was played this afternoon, the Club eleven this time consisting of Messrs. A. H. Macdonald, (Capt.), J. P. Brewin, R. E. G. A. Macdonald, R. A. E. Blair, R. E. H. Woodcock, R. A. G. McNair, F. N. R. W. H. Walker, G. Balloch, F. Maitland, A. H. Ough, and J. M. Atkinson.

THE *Macao Government Gazette* publishes the following returns of the trade of the neighbouring colony:—1880, \$24,929,736; 1881, \$24,811,242; 1882, \$25,757,771; 1883, \$26,848,033; 1884, \$25,774,327; 1885, \$26,017,281; 1886, \$25,428,468. The semi-official *Independence* in commenting upon the figures, expresses the hope that there may yet be a chance of the old colony deriving its troubles. We are afraid our contemporary is over- sanguine in its hopes for the regeneration of a colony that thanks to Portuguese apathy and neglect, has outlived its usefulness.

AN address signed by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Catholic prelates of England, has been recently sent to Pope Leo XIII. It says:—"We, who live in a land where the Catholic Church enjoys full liberty, are profoundly aggrieved and offended at seeing the injustice and the violence with which the sacred rights of the Head of the Church are obstructed and violated in the very centre and in the very seat of its supreme authority. Already the filial devotion of all Catholic pastors and people in all parts of the world, and also the free and healthy public opinion of all civilised nations, has rebuked and condemned this penal legislation. And we also add our protest to that of civilised world, declaring, together with all Catholics, our detestation of such great injustice."

THE writer of the "Guide to Hongkong" published by Brewer says a Christmas Eve at the Berlin Foundling House is one of the prettiest sights imaginable, and it is quite pathetic to hear the old German melody "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" sung by the childish voices. This Christmas was no exception. In the schoolroom Mrs. Hartmann and her sisters in charity had decked out a large fir tree (sent by Mr. Ford) with presents from kind friends in Germany. These were not the gifts which the season brought for the inmates who are about to settle down, and presents for several blind girls, and these also were displayed. In the afternoon Lady des Voeux, Rev. Dr. Chalmers, Rev. G. H. Bonfield, Rev. G. D. Orr, with some English, German, and Chinese friends, visited the Home, and attended the simple service in the adjoining chapel, with the seventy little inmates. Pastor Hartmann conducted the service, which was in German, reading the lessons in Chinese. The Christmas tree was afterwards lit up, to the amusement of the younger children, and carols were sung, fruit distributed, &c.

THE H. K. C. C. will play a Cricket Match with the 58th Regiment to-morrow, commencing at 2 p.m.

WE learn that information has been received of the stranding of the Punjom Co's steam launch, and it is assumed that she will become a total loss. Luckily she is insured for \$20,000.

WE are requested to state that the Post Office will be closed on New Year's Day, when no delivery of any description will take place. Money Orders, &c., intended for the outgoing mail on Wednesday must be applied for before 5 p.m. on Monday the 31st instant. The Parcel Mail for Europe closes at 3 p.m. on Monday next.

THREE knights-errant from the Taikoo Sugar Refinery—Messrs Harvey, McKenzie, and Warnock—did a bit of rescuing yesterday morning. A Chinese widow descending at Quarry Bay declined to dedicate herself to the memory of the late lamented, and got married on another gentleman. Her brother objected to the marriage, and was trying to dissuade her from it by collecting about two hundred of his friends and chasing her into the sea, when the three gentlemen named turned up and stopped them. They are now tossing-up who is to marry her.

A TELEGRAM dated Washington December 2d says:—President Cleveland in his message to the Congress, says that a revision of the tariff is necessary, in order to relieve the unjust and dangerous plethora in the treasury; peaceful relations exist with all States, and the questions now pending are compatible with amicable negotiating. He believes that the Fisheries Treaty for mutual practical settlement on a basis honorable to both parties, is the only one in strong terms on the conduct of Lord Sackville, and justifies the action taken by the American Government in the matter; in conclusion, President Cleveland urges the revision of Naturalization Laws, and favours the suspension of silver coinage.

A LITTLE Siamese boy is making the grand tour. He has got as far as Hongkong up to the present, his first flight being to Singapore. He hid himself in the *Polythymia*, and luckily got across without any of the music-hall-balled experiences of the "And the mated aye the lad pretty roughly, how he came to be stewed away" order, getting ashore at Kowloon just in time to fall into the clutches of Inspector Mathieson. That jolly-hearted officer not only arrested him and took him to the Yau-ma-tei Station, but was brutal enough to feed him, and give him some clothes, and stick him alongside a fire. As this is not Mr. Mathieson's first offence we hope that some of the missionaries for the Encouragement of Cruelty to Children will take the matter up and report him to his superiors. The dusky little adventurer, after roaming about the Central Station for a few days, is about to take service as cook to about forty great big Sikh policemen, at nothing a month, and glad to get it.

THE American Musical Comedy and Opera Company appeared last night in Audran's "Oletope," the occasion being a complimentary benefit to the sickening mother, Mr. A. Sutch. There was a fairly large audience in the stalls and pit, but the dress circle presented a beggarly array of empty benches, the numerous social festivities all over the town preventing many from attending who would otherwise have been present. The representation, taken as a whole, was scarcely up to the Company's customary standard. Miss Gracie Whiteford was excellent in the title role, acting with great vivacity, and she received a hearty encore for her rendering of the famous "Sobbing song." Miss Morrison gave a consistent impersonation of the *Countess*, and was well supported by Mr. Sheridan as the *Duc de Jy*, Mr. Immo as *Capt. Merriman*, Mr. Sutch as *Marquis de Fisher*, and Mr. Fisher as *Valentin*, and Capt. Sankey as *Coquelicot*. To-night the ever popular "La Mascotte."

THE accommodating Magistrate who held matinees during the holiday had not a single full house, and there was nothing worth reporting. This morning Mr. Pollock frowned on two sons of Mars—Private Jones and Simmons, of the 58th. They had been trying to uphold the proud boast of their Regiment—that any two of them could put a head on any one policeman—and they had got badly left. They were going along Queen's Road East very early yesterday morning, when they met a coolie, who omitted to knock his head three times on the ground, and the coolie's head was on the ear. A Sikh came up and asked him, whereupon Simmons attempted to make him leave go. They were both ultimately arrested, after being ignominiously chased by a Chinese policeman. Jones admitted hitting the coolie, and Simmons agreed that he might have given the Sikh one, but it was only a little one. Six dollars each.

THERE has been, says the *Shanghai Mercury*, a steady rise in the price of Japan coal in Shanghai, more especially of late, and according to last advices coal was hardly obtainable in Japan, except at a high figure. Cargoes that have arrived there during last month were mostly to fulfil contracts. In May last Japan coals were quoted per ton as follows:—

Takasima lump.....	Tls. 4.50
do. dust.....	" 3.75
Mikado lump.....	" 2.75
Imabuko.....	" 2.50
Karatz.....	" 3.50
Keelung.....	" 3.00
while the prices quoted on the 21st inst. were:—	
Takasima lump.....	Tls. 5.00
do. dust.....	" 4.00
Mikado lump.....	" 3.00
Imabuko.....	" 2.50
Karatz.....	" 3.50
Keelung.....	" 6.25

YESTERDAY evening the Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the 2nd Northampton and 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders met in the Sergeants' Mess, Murray Barracks, by invitation of Mr. Assam, commodore, who with his usual generosity entertained them to the dinner. Quartermaster-Sergeant Phillips, in the unavoidable absence of Sergeant-Major Hill, ably filled the post of Chairman, supported by Sergeant-Major Williamson and Mr. Assam. After dinner the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and duly honored. The Chairman then, in a few and well chosen words, introduced Mr. Assam to the Highlanders. Mr. Assam who upon rising was received with applause, expressed his regret at having to part from the old "Steelbacks," with whom during the last three years he had been on most friendly terms, and wished them every success in their new station; he then most cordially welcomed the Highlanders to the colony and hoped that the same friendly feeling might exist between them and himself which had existed with the Northamptonshire Regiment. The health of the Highlanders was then given from the chair, and toasted with musical honors, to which Sergeant-Major Williamson suitably responded. Harmony then became the chief feature of the evening, and was kept up with much spirit until 11.30 p.m., when the company separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

THE permanent building for the National Assembly in Tokio is to cost \$1,500,000, and will cover an area of 1,700 *tsubo*. The expenditure on furnishing will increase the estimate to \$4,000,000.

MR. HENRY NORMAN, the special commissioner of the *Pail Mall Gazette*, arrived here from Shanghai by the French mail steamer *Irakoudy*, and intends staying for about ten days, during which time he will visit Canton and Macao. Mr. Norman is calling at Tanquin, Saigon, Siam, the Straits Settlements, and Burmah, en route to India, where his mission, which has already lasted over fifteen months, will terminate after a thorough investigation into the manners and customs of the country and the great social and political problems which are now so prominently occupying public attention at home.

THUS the Singapore *Free Press* of the 18th inst.—"An application was made this morning in the Supreme Court before His Honor the Chief Justice regarding a young person of 23 years of age who, it was alleged, by some friends, was prevented from leaving the Convent where she had been for over ten years. It was stated that she wanted to leave. The Chief Justice granted a writ of Habeas Corpus returnable at two o'clock at which time she came to the Court accompanied by Mr. Scheerder, and it appeared that the Chief Justice said that he was not determined against her will and that she did not wish to leave. The matter was thus at an end and she left the Court with Mr. Scheerder."

ONE of the tribe of Judah—Joseph by name—is putting in his first instalment of a merry little six months to-day by order of Mr. Pollock. He is an individual who lives on the precarious capital of his wits, and his victim has lately come over to sell jewelry, Joseph sent for the man to a house, yesterday, and expressed a desire to buy a ring. He was shown several, but did not buy. He called on the jeweller, subsequently, and had another look at the glittering goods, and another chaffer as to price, carefully concealing the fact that he had not the price of a pint of beer, much less rings. They did no business, but when the jeweller was packing up his stock again he missed one of the before-mentioned goods—a diamond ring worth \$50, and he immediately regretted in eloquent Tamil, that he knew not Joseph. On informing the police some Sikhs looked for the member for Judah, and one found him, with the result set forth at the beginning.

CHRISTMAS Day in Hongkong was decidedly quiet—that is, of course, comparatively speaking. Nearly everybody went to the Peak, or on a water-party, and then dined quietly at home, and there were astonishingly few cases where the meal got very much "about the maud." The soldiers on both sides of the harbour held high revelry, though the Hylan laddies seemed inclined to save their festivity for Hogmanay. At the Royal Engineers' Mess a bountiful spread was provided, Quartermaster-Sergeant Spence presiding. Lieut. and Adjutant Hawkins and the officers attended, and with the loyal toasts were drunk their healths, amid repeated cheers. In the evening a dance was given. H.E. the Governor, H.E. Major-General Cameron, Col. Anderson, and the officers of the Regiment attended the dinner of the 5th, and were warmly toasted. At the Sailors' Home jollity reigned. The Bishop presided in the morning, the church being handsomely decorated. In the afternoon open house was held, and crowds of sailors and marines visited it. In the evening carol-singing was commenced, the Rev. A. G. Goldsmith and Mrs. Goldsmith, with several friends, attending. The usual festivities among the European police were conspicuously absent this year, their claims, even to a short leave, being quite ignored. Some humorist stuck up a notice in the mess-room at the Central Station: "There are no decorations," but a "military comrade altered it to 'Beware of the decorations.'" Let us hope that they will fare better on New Year's Day.

SAYS the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 19th inst.—The installation of Bro. Sydenham Moutrie as W.M. of the Tucson Lodge, No. 1,027, took place last night. The ceremony was performed by Right Worshipful Bro. John Irwin Miller, District Grand Master of Northern China, assisted by Worshipful Bro. C. Thorne, I.P.D., G.M., Bro. L. Moore, D.G.S.W. and Bro. A.M. A. Evans, D.G.J.W. There were also present Right Wor. Bro. Dallas, P.D.G.M. for Japan, and Wor. Bro. Kingsmill, Deputy D.G.M. for Northern China. Wor. Bro. Gratian, W.M. Northern, Wor. Bro. Brodie, A. Clark, W.M. Cosmopolitan, Wor. Bro. West, W.M. Sussex, G.M. Harb. O. Middleton, C.M. Donaldson, Benny and Holland, 45 members and visitors. After being duly installed the W.M. invested the following officers:—

Bro. Jas. H. Osborn.....	S. W.
E. D. Snodden.....	Treasurer.
J. W. Garde.....	Secretary.
E. P. Wickham.....	Secretary.
W. W. Clifford.....	S. D.
A. J. Rahimim.....	J. D.
G. A. Watkens.....	J. G.
C. Merritt.....	Tyler

A sumptuous banquet was afterwards served in the small hall. The usual loyal toasts were given, including that of the newly installed W.M. which was proposed by Right Wor. Bro. C. Thorne and replied to by W.M. in a few appropriate and well chosen words. The proceeding were afterwards enlivened by several songs and terminated at an early hour this morning.

## A SCOTTISH NIGHT AT THE CITY HALL.

On Christmas Eve Mr. J. A. Robertson, the talented piano-pounder of the Opera Company, took a benefit at the City Hall, when a thoroughly Scottish programme was provided, and an almost equally Scottish audience attended. The first part consisted of a concert, which was opened by Messrs. Hogg and Duncan playing a Highland march. We can't criticise bagpipes, further than to say that we felt relieved when they had finished, and that everybody applauded as vociferously as if they shared our feelings. The whole company—in which Miss Maud Fare is now no longer numbered, having gone home—followed with "Scots wha' hae" in really good style, but Mr. Fisher's succeeding solo "The Flowers of Dunblane" was a little of colour, owing to that gentleman singing it to himself. Mrs. Fraser-Smith's song, "Robin Adair," was given with sweetness and expression, but she was heard to far better advantage in the duet "O wert thou in the cauld blast," with Miss Stapan. On both occasions she was warmly applauded. Miss Stapan showed herself much more at home in her solo and duet than she had done a few nights before in comic opera. Her repugnant self-possession enabled her to exhibit her fall, and well-trained voice advantageously, and after her rendering of "The year that was" the audience, insisted on her reappearance. Mr. Imano's song "Bonnie Dundee," and "Gae bring me a pint o' wine," were very fine, and each had to be repeated. But the encore which was accorded to Miss Vera Patey for "There's nae luck about the house" was just a little

bit ironical, but "Scots wha' hae" ending up in very pure Scotch. Mr. Fraser-Smith's reputation as an excellent secured undivided attention during his rendition of Aytoun's "Charles Edward at Versailles," on the anniversary of Culloden and gained him warm plaudits at its close. Miss Gracie Whiteford had a wonderful voice for such a little girl, and if it were only trained, or perhaps we should say un-trained, it would be a long way the best in the Company. As *Maggie Macfarlane*, in "The Bonnie Fishwife," her costume was a trifle incongruous, but her songs "Auld Robin Gray" and "Culler Herring" were charming. The triolet "Three little bridesmaids," in which she took part with Misses Patey and Arline, was composed by the *Shanghai*, and is published by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh. It is a tuneful little thing, with a very attractive musical gurgles somewhere near the middle, and it was very prettily sung and danced. Miss Learnington's song "Charlie is my darling," with tramping obligato thrown in by the audience, had to be repeated, it went so well. Mr. Sutch and Mr. Sheridan also sang, and Miss Arline, in a pretty Scotch costume, performed the sword dance. The second part of the programme consisted of the amusing farce, "The Bonnie Fishwife," introduced principally for the sake of the songs. Miss Whiteford, as *Maggie*, was capital, and needed to say that the *Gallies* of Mr. Sheridan was exceedingly funny.

## THIS 'XMAS.

I want to tell you what I've seen  
This 'Xmas,  
Though I can't tell you where I've been  
This 'Xmas,  
Except, of course, what I've told  
Which may not sound so very well  
This 'Xmas;  
But then you know, it is allowed  
At 'Xmas,  
One needs must follow with the crowd  
At 'Xmas,  
No matter what our creed may be  
We're bound to see what there's to see  
At 'Xmas;  
And so I saw the Circus first  
This 'Xmas,  
And must confess I had a thirst  
This 'Xmas,  
Which was most accurately gauged  
When at the Circus 'twas assuaged  
This 'Xmas.  
I saw the fun, though, all the same  
This 'Xmas  
The music started up the game  
This 'Xmas  
(Chiarini's music is well known,  
The trumpets are so clearly blown),  
At 'Xmas  
That, all the same, the music stirs  
At 'Xmas  
The nerves of even mongrel curs  
At 'Xmas.  
To clearly recognize the fact  
That here at least, there's lack of tact  
At 'Xmas  
To recognize the wants of folks  
At 'Xmas,  
As well as getting up new jokes  
At 'Xmas,  
The clowns were splendid in their way,  
And that is all that I can say  
This 'Xmas;  
But after that I had to get—  
Twice 'Xmas,  
And see the opera "Olivette"  
Past 'Xmas;  
I saw it, you may bet you life  
But then I'd rather take a wife  
Next 'Xmas,  
Than say the truth about it now  
Past 'Xmas  
I am afraid there'd be a row  
Next 'Xmas,  
Were I to say just what I saw,  
I'd be a victim to "club" law  
This 'Xmas.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

Many of the Hongkong Volunteers spent Christmas Day loyally. After breakfast about thirty of the corps went to Kowloon, under the command of Major Tripp, Lieut. Hawkins, R.A. adjutant, Capt. McCallum, Lieuts. Woolley, Holmes, and Denison, and Sergeants Dipple, Osborne, McBrean, and Scott, taking four seven-pounders with them. At Kowloon they began a one-sided sham fight, the "general idea" of which was thus explained:—A mixed force of the enemy, artillery and infantry, was supposed to be advancing on Yau-mai from the direction of Kowloon. Having crossed the heights on either side with infantry the enemy attempted to debouch from the defile, deploying to both flanks under cover of a battery established on the rocky knoll in front. The H. K. V's battery (7 pdrs) is supposed to be part of a force of infantry and artillery ordered to attack and drive back the enemy through the defile. It comes into action to the left of the Observatory, and is told off to cannonade that section of the enemy's line on the lower ground to the left of the knoll to cover the advance of the infantry on both flanks. Partially silencing the guns the battery is ordered to advance to a second position about 500 yards to the front to support the close attack on the enemy's position. While in this position it receives and repulses a counter attack of the enemy and then continues its fire until masked by the advance of the infantry. It then advances to the captured position to fire on the enemy's line of retreat. The subsequent manoeuvres told heavily on the men, the guns being under-manned, but the firing was excellent, the targets representing the enemy being nearly all shattered with shot and shell. After the fight—which Lieut. Anderson, the judge, decided in favor of the Volunteers—was concluded, the corps straggled back to the Kowloon Hotel, where they recuperated, and a Major Tripp, as Chairman, made a few remarks. He expressed regret at the want of enthusiasm which had necessitated their leaving two of their six guns on the other side, for lack of men, but expressed his complete satisfaction with their work that day. He also referred to a letter published in the *Telegraph* last Friday, which purported to be written by a Volunteer. He did not think that man was present. It was the most blackguardly letter he had ever read (cheers). "Dundee" week he did not ask any officers to attend because he particularly wanted the gunners and sergeants to learn their work themselves. He thought if they took the run of the officers they would find that they worked very well (Renewed cheers). They had an amount of work and responsibility of which few were aware, making arrangement for forthcoming drills and parades, &c. He wished the Corps every success and prosperity during the coming year (applause).

Sergeant Dipple proposed the healths of the officers, coupling with the toast the name of Captain McCallum. "The force was drunk with enthusiasm," Captain McCallum replied, "said, 'I am sure that if we all pull together we shall get on very well. As Major Tripp has told you, you must not think if you do not see your officers on parade at times that they

are not attending to the interests of the corps. I can assure you that not a day passes but there is some business connected with the corps that I fall to the lot of the officers to look after, and I think you will agree with me that where the interests of the corps are concerned you will not find that the officers have failed to come up to time. (Cheers.) I am disappointed, gentlemen, successful as the day has been, that we had not six guns out. I was promised, and I was in hopes that we should have six guns out to-day, and I must say that I am disappointed in not having them. I must at the same time thank-heartily those who have turned out to-day, and I am satisfied that if we keep on as we are doing we shall, when our annual practice takes place, have doubled our number of effective (cheers, hear). This is not the end of the season by any means, and although we have had lots of hard work to-day, and I think I may say we have done it satisfactorily, you must not forget that we have plenty more before us.

Surgeon Major Cantile afterwards practiced the Ambulance Corps in stretcher drill, which was very creditably gone through, and the detachment shortly afterwards re-embarked and was dismissed.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column)

MANILA.  
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"  
SIR,—The order of the day here is the great fest in celebration of our metropolitan parrot's golden wedding,—*bodas de oro*—or, if you like, *bodas de oro*, which is to take place early in March next year.

Don Eugenio Natter, Dean of the Cathedral of Manila, supported by Father Font and other monkish allies—*y otros amañados de los frailes*—have requested the Brigadier-General and the Colonel in command of the Artillery to enforce a subscription among all their men, names being more wanted than money. The whole regiment have consequently offered their day's pay, and now officers and soldiers are praying heaven that the fitted man may cease to exist before his feast comes round.

I remain, Sir,  
Yours truly,  
A. R.

Manila, December 20th, 1888.

## NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. S. Co's steamer *Oceanic*, Capt. J. Metcalfe, with the American mails of the 28th ult



Government power to instruct the Land Commission to deal with arrears when fixing judicial rents. This done it would place the tenant in a position to contract freely with the landlord besides protecting the Exchequer against loss, and give the shrewd agent the best possible chance to work with smoothness.

Smith contended that the course proposed would place the tenant in a distinctly worse position than before by recognizing the arrears as a charge that might continue to hang around his neck even after completing his purchase. Now, after a contract for purchase had been agreed upon the arrears became ipso facto wiped out.

Mr. Parnell's motion was rejected by a vote of 12 to 148. Sir B. Walter Foster, Liberal, moved, to reduce the amount of the grant asked for in the bill to £1,500,000. Sir G. O. Trevelyan said he had heard that a nobleman connected with the Ministry had already received £200,000, and that Lord Londonderry would benefit by the measure.

Gooschen repudiated the insinuation. After further debate the motion was rejected. At the sitting of the Parnell Commission today Inspector of Police Huggins testified concerning outrages at Castle Island, County Kerry. On cross-examination witnesses said he believed farmers' sons initiated the outrages in order to evade the payment of rent. He knew of bogus outrages. He was not aware that men connived to damage their own property, in order to secure compensation from the quarter sessions. He did not think all the outrages were due to secret societies or private malice. He connected the League with moon-lighting because prior to the existence of a League Kerry had been peaceful.

Lockwood of the Parnellites' counsel asked witness how long he had been engaged in getting up cases for the Times.

Sir Henry James, counsel for the Times, objected to the question, whereupon Sir Charles Russell exclaimed warmly: "We charge, and intend to prove, that the whole executive authority, even including resident magistrates, is engaged in getting up the Times cases." Witness then declared that the Times had employed him. On redirect examination the witness stated that no case of bogus outrage had ever been returned by the police as a real outrage.

PARIS, November 23rd. Boulanger and Conservative journals charge the Government with preparing a coup d'état to be carried out on the occasion of the demonstration at the grave of the revolutionist Baudin on December 2nd. They allege that the Government agents will mingle with the people in the cemetery and provoke a conflict. The leaders in the demonstration will then be arrested on trumped-up charges of having been plotting against the State and will be prosecuted for treason.

HERN, November 23rd. Herr Von Lovozov, Conservative, was today elected President of the Reichstag by a vote of 271 out of a total of 281 ballots recorded. Nine ballots were blank. Dr. von Buhl, Nationalist, was re-elected First Vice-President by 169 out of 259 votes recorded; and Baron von Unruh, Bonist Second Vice-President by 150 out of 244. All these gentlemen accepted the posts.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 23rd. The Journal de St. Petersburg denies that a secret treaty has been entered into by Corea and Russia. It admits that Corea has granted Russia facilities for trade across the frontier. News has been received of the founding of seven ice-bound sailing vessels in the sea of Azov. The crews managed to reach Taganrog after severe suffering.

ROME, November 23rd. Signor Ingna, a Roman advocate who died recently, left 1,000,000 francs to the Pope. BELGRADE, November 23rd. Seventy radicals have been arrested in connection with the election riots on Wednesday last.

OTTAWA, November 24th. It is believed that during the coming session of Parliament the Government will enact legislation restricting Chinese immigration.

DUBLIN, November 24th. The meetings announced to be held through Ireland yesterday in memory of the "Manchester Martyrs," were proclaimed by the Government. Few conflicts occurred between the people. The most serious disturbance was at Kilkenny. A despatch received from there at a late hour, said the police were charging in all directions, and that the magistrates had threatened to give orders to fire on the mob.

PARIS, November 24th. The Grand Council at Saigon has opened negotiations for a loan of 100,000,000 francs, to be guaranteed by Indo-China. The money is to be used to cover the first expense of the establishment of colonies in Tonquin.

PANAMA, November 24th. Nicaragua has accepted the invitation of the United States Government to join the conference of the American Republics on October 20, 1889.

BERNE, November 24th. M. Hertenstein, President of Switzerland, had his right leg amputated to-day. The operation was necessary because of a disease of the arteries.

LONDON, November 24th. The Manchester November handicap was won by Claymore, Phil second, Followchat third.

Sir Charles Warren, who recently resigned as Chief of the London Police, has been offered the command of the brigade at Aldershot. This is regarded as evidence that the Queen's confidence in him is not decreased.

Dr. Sir William Jenner has resigned from the British Medical Association. An influential committee had addressed a protest to the Council of the Association against the publication by the British Medical Journal of the late Emperor Frederick's note to Dr. McKim. Dr. Jenner is Court Physician, and his withdrawal from the Association reflects the anger which the publication of the note caused at Court.

PARIS, November 25th. M. Deroulle made a speech at the meeting of the Patriotic League to-day. He spoke in terms of warm praise of Boulanger. Referring to the recent accident to the Russian Imperial train, he expressed sympathy with the Czar, rejoicing over his escape from harm. The speech was greatly applauded, especially the references to General Boulanger.

The Gazette asserts that the Government intends to dissolve the Patriotic League. The meeting was held in a restaurant, access to outsiders being barred by the police, who prevented the proposed public reception. A few arrests were made, but the proceedings were in the main orderly.

At the conclusion of the banquet General Boulanger made a speech, in which he said: "I am more a patriot than a soldier. I ardently desire peace. Not the peace which is demanded, but the peace imposed by a firm and dignified attitude. That is the only peace acceptable to Frenchmen." He inveighed against the policy which divided the forces of the country, causing misleading appearances of weakness—misleading because the least appeal to the country would cause all internal dissension to vanish like a bad dream. He strongly denounced Ferry for wasting the country's resources in Tonquin, while cognizant of the perils which threatened France.

Boulanger's wife is taking steps to obtain a divorce. It is stated that one of the richest widows in France is willing to marry Boulanger.

HAMBURG, November 25th. A trunk containing the corpse of Herr H. Felsberg, forwarding agent of the Hamburg-American Packet Company, was discovered in the Baker dock on Saturday. The skull was fractured and a watch and \$750 in money missing. A steward named Dow was arrested at Cologne to-day and charged with being the murderer.

BERLIN, November 25th. Fifty members of the Parnell Relief Committee held a meeting to-day. It was unanimously decided to send Louis Wissmann, as soon as possible, to lead the first column. Dr. Peters will in the meantime prepare to equip a supporting column of which he will have command.

The Directors of the East African Company met and unanimously resolved to inform the Government that the company will relinquish its rights in East Africa; that its intention is to strengthen Majumayo and Darsalon with stone forts and to attempt to reconquer the other stations under the protection of a blockading squadron. It is decided to ask the Reichstag for support.

LONDON, November 25th. A private person living near Nottingham has received a letter, signed "Jack the Ripper's Pal," stating that both the writer of the letter and "Jack" committed recent murders in the Whitechapel district. The writer says that "Jack" returned from America, and who exercised a powerful influence over him.

Purcell O'Gorman, formerly member of Parliament for Waterford City, is dead.

The steamer *Neuburg*, of Leith, while on a voyage from Grangemouth to Aarhus with coal, foundered in the North Sea. Sixteen persons were drowned, and one was rescued and landed in Norway.

ROME, November 25th. The Pope has instructed Cardinal Gibbons to congratulate Harrison on his election to the Presidency.

SUAKIM, November 25th. The British recently captured seven slave dhows, after a severe fight, in which many persons were wounded. The Italian Government claims possession of the dhows, on the ground that they were captured in waters of Italian jurisdiction.

VIENNA, November 25th. At a meeting of the Budget Committee, Count Welschheim stated that it was necessary to expedite measures for enabling the Government to mobilize the Landwehr. Formerly the vigorous and prompt use of the Landwehr was not contemplated, but the present military and political situation demanded either a material increase of the army, or such effective arrangements that the Landwehr would be able to answer all calls upon the troops in the field. The expenditure allotted to the budget for this purpose would amount to 1,041,460 florins, including a sum to be used for the purchase of rifles, which were being turned out at the rate of 30,000 per month.

BRUSSELS, November 26th. L'Étoile says that the Government will ask the Chamber of Deputies for a credit of 5,000,000 francs to complete armaments.

The strike of coal miners in Belgium is spreading. Gendarmes and guards are patrolling the troubled districts.

LONDON, November 26th. The Duchess of Sutherland is dead.

The Daily News says it regrets Lord Salisbury's decision to delay the appointment of a successor to Sackville. This course, it thinks, may cause President Cleveland to withdraw Minister Phelps.

A despatch from Belgrade says that serious election riots occurred to-day in Servia. Several lives were lost and many public buildings were demolished.

A Dublin despatch says that the News Association has been reliably informed that the Pope will insist on promulgating a second rescript on the Irish question. The Irish Bishops will shortly be summoned to Rome.

The Russian Government has protested against the erection by Roumania of forts at Forsthan and Gialitz.

DUBLIN, November 26th. Thousands of persons attended the demonstration in Glasnevin cemetery yesterday at the monument to the Manchester martyrs. The proceedings were orderly.

Edward Harrington, member of Parliament, failed to appear to-day in answer to a summons charging him with inciting tenants to adopt the plan of campaign through his paper, the Kerry Sentinel. His counsel applied for a postponement. In order that Harrington might attend the sittings of the Parnell Commission in London. The magistrate refused to grant the application, because the inciting had continued. A warrant was issued for Harrington's arrest.

BERLIN, November 26th. Lieutenant Wissman will wait on the Emperor to resign his commission in the army and state his plans for the Emin Bey relief expedition. The Relief Committee has asked a resolution severing all connection between the committee and the East African Company. It is expected the company will ask the Reichstag for a loan of 100 million marks.

The Government has rejected France's proposal to join in the blockade of East Africa on condition that the slave dhows and dealers under the French flag, seized by other powers, be handed over to France for punishment.

The North German Gazette and almost all the other prominent German papers concur in the opinion that the affairs of France are drifting towards a chaos, of which the sequences are incalculable.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 26th. Import duties on copper have been increased to thirty copecks per pound. The duty on copper-bottomed wooden ships has been fixed at twelve roubles for the first hundred tons, six for every additional hundred tons.

ZANZIBAR, November 26th. The question regarding the fugitive slave harbored by the Mission station at Mombasa has been settled to the satisfaction of the natives. This arrangement has secured the freedom of 1500 slaves.

OTTAWA, Ont., November 26th. The Dominion Government has ordered two new forty-pounder rifled guns from the Imperial Government for use on the Pacific Coast.

HAVANA, November 26th. Advices from Yaguajay de Salena state that forty-two houses there have been destroyed by fire. Loss \$30,000.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., November 26th. The offices of the Town and Country Journal have been burned. The loss is £100,000. The offices were the finest in Australia.

Beach and Hanlan rowed a race on the Parana to River to-day for \$500 a side. Beach won.

BERLIN, November 27th. Emperor William has a cold, and will remain in his apartments for a few days.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 27th. An imperial ukase has been issued, providing for the issue of 4 per cent bonds to the value of 125,000,000 roubles, to be used for the purchase of bonds of 1877 and the redemption of temporary credit notes issued in 1877 and 1878.

DUBLIN, November 27th. The report that a second Parnell rescript had been sent to the Irish Bishops is forthrightly and now confirmed. It was intended that the document should not be made known, but that the Bishops should proceed to enforce the

commands contained in the first rescript without alluding to the existence of the second one. But this plan was spoiled through the indiscretion of a servant of the Bishop of Limerick, who divulged a part of the contents of the rescript. It is probable that the publication of a part of the document will force the Pope to reaffirm publicly his wishes regarding Ireland.

EDINBURGH, November 27th. In the case of Parnell against the London Times for libel, Judge Kinnear has fixed upon December 20th, for hearing the proof on the question of arrestments. Counsel for Parnell have served an order upon the defendants requiring them to produce the contracts of co-partnership bearing upon the ownership of the Times, and also its business books and accounts.

BERNE, November 27th. Hertenstein, President of Switzerland, who underwent amputation of the right leg last week because of a disease of the arteries, failed to rally from the shock, and died to-day.

PARIS, November 27th. The Senate has adopted the Commercial Convention between France and China.

The Bourse is weak. Panama Canal securities are down to 200 francs.

La Presse says the Cabinet will discuss to-morrow the question of suppressing the Patriotic League.

General Boulanger has resigned the seat in the Chamber of Deputies to which he was elected by his constituents in Somme and Charente.

The village of Vaubancourt, near Nygny, has been totally destroyed by fire. Thousands of persons are without shelter.

LONDON, November 27th. A despatch from Whiby says that a fleetboat upset there to-day, and that twelve persons were drowned.

The Oaths bill passed the House of Lords without division.

The United States Legation warns the public against fraudulent attempts to obtain money on pretended recommendations from members of the Legation.

The British ship *Douglas*, from Martin Island for Hamburg, foundered in the North Sea and two of the crew were drowned.

In the House of Commons this evening, Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, intimated that Mr. Harrington, Mr. Finucane, and the other members of the Irish party under arrest, would be permitted to attend the sittings of Parliament during the time the Irish estimates were under discussion.

The debate on the Irish Land Purchase bill was resumed, and some amendments were adopted.

Henry George, in an address in London, this evening, said that the grasping for land in America was rapidly making the country similar to England. He wanted to utterly abolish landlordism and to grant to every child a share in the soil.

## FOOCHOW RACES.

## WINTER MEETING.

Stewards.—H. J. Chambers, Esq.; W. P. Galton, Esq.; R. B. Moorhead, Esq.; B. Pereira, Esq.; G. Siemens, Esq.; A. W. Walkinshaw, Esq.; H. Baker, Esq. Secretary.—John Rathgate, Esq. Starter.—W. P. Galton, Esq. Judge.—A. W. Walkinshaw, Esq. Clerk of the Course.—John C. Oswald, Esq.

The course was very heavy on Monday and Tuesday, and on Wednesday it rained heavily. The fields ruled small throughout and the racing was far below the average. For the Champions Mr. Min's Reaper was allowed to walk over, an event unprecedented in the annals of Chinese racing. Results are appended:—

FIRST DAY, MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER. THE STEWARDS CUP, (presented), value \$100; entrance \$5; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale. Half a mile.

Mr. Cameron's Almansor ..... Mr. Oswald 1  
Mr. Graham's Cheviot ..... Mr. Moorhead 3  
Captain Hope's, Dandy Dick ..... Mr. Moorhead 3

Won easily; time 68½ sec.

THE MAIDEN STAKES, forced, of \$10 each with \$30 for the Second Pony, and \$20 for the Third; for Subscription Griffins; weights as per scale. Three quarters of a mile.

The Silver Stable's Chop-Dollar ..... Mr. Green 1  
Mr. Min's Topaz ..... Mr. Moorhead 3  
Mr. Flox's Begonia ..... Mr. Drummond 3  
Mr. Cameron's Tatters ..... Mr. Oswald 0  
Mr. Min's Opix ..... Mr. Harger 0

Won by half a length; time 1:14½ sec.

THE COMPROMISED CUP, (presented), value \$5; entrance \$5; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale. Two miles.

Mr. August's Piccadilly ..... Mr. Oswald 1  
Mr. Min's Yeoman ..... Mr. Baker 2  
Captain Archer's Norman ..... Mr. Harger 3

Won in a canter; time 5:14½ sec.

THE CHAOS CUP, (presented), value \$30; entrance \$5; Second Pony to receive \$30; for Subscription Griffins; weights as per scale; winner of the Maiden Stakes 7lbs. extra. One mile and a quarter.

Captain Hope's Star ..... Mr. Baker 1  
Major Bagstock's Bluecoat ..... Mr. Oswald 2  
The Silver Stable's Sycee ..... Mr. Green 3  
Mr. Rob's Clydesdale ..... Mr. Moorhead 0

Won by a length; time 3:15 sec.

THE STAND STAKES, of \$10 each with \$30 added for the First Pony, and \$20 for the Second; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 7lbs. extra. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Cameron's Almansor ..... Mr. Oswald 1  
Mr. Graham's Cheviot ..... Mr. Baker 2  
Baron Magenta's Mayflower ..... Mr. Drummond 3

Won easily; time 1:46 sec.

THE HONGKONG CUP, (presented), value \$200; entrance \$10; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 7lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

Mr. Min's Reaper ..... Mr. Baker 1  
Major Bagstock's Herald ..... Mr. Oswald 2

Won by a length; time 3:43 sec.

THE LUSITANIA CUP, (presented), forced entrance \$5; Second pony to receive \$40, Third pony \$20; for Subscription Griffins; three or more Ponies to start from opposing stables or no race; weights as per scale; winners 7lbs. extra. One mile.

The Silver Stable's Chop-Dollar ..... Mr. Green 1  
Captain Hope's Star ..... Mr. Baker 2  
Major Bagstock's Bluecoat ..... Mr. Oswald 3  
The Silver Stable's Sycee ..... Mr. Green 3

Won easily; time 1:01 sec.

THE TOTALISATOR CUP, value \$150; Second Pony to receive \$10; for four or more opposing Ponies start; entrance \$10; for all China

Ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting, and winners in Shanghai in 1888, 7 lb. extra. One mile and three quarters.

Captain Archer's Norman, Mr. Harger ..... 1  
Mr. August's Piccadilly, Mr. Oswald ..... 2  
Won easily; time 4:28 sec.

THE HAKKAWA CUP, (presented), value \$150; second entrance \$5; Second Pony to receive \$20; for Subscription Griffins; weights as per scale; winners of one race 7 lb. and of two or more to 10 lb. extra. One Round.

The Silver Stable's Chop-Dollar ..... Mr. Green 1  
Mr. Rob's Clydesdale ..... Mr. Moorhead 3  
Mr. Flox's Begonia ..... Mr. Drummond 3  
Mr. Cameron's Tatters, Mr. Oswald ..... 0  
Mr. Min's Topaz ..... Mr. Baker 0  
Mr. Min's Opix ..... Mr. Harger 0

Won by two lengths; time 1:31 sec.

THE RACING STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added; divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent. to First, Second and Third Ponies, for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 5 lb. extra for each race won. One Mile.

Major Bagstock's Herald ..... Mr. Oswald 1  
Baron Magenta's Mayflower ..... Mr. Green 2  
Captain Archer's Norman ..... Mr. Harger 3  
Mr. Elerton's Primus ..... Mr. Drummond 0

Won easily; time 2:24 sec.

THE HACK STAKES, of \$10 each with \$10 added for each starter; for all China Ponies not otherwise entered at this meeting except for Cosmopolitan Cup; weights 7 lb. over weight for inches; riders who have never won a race allowed to 1 lb. Half a mile.

Mr. Moray's Tipster ..... Mr. Baker 1  
Mr. Cameron's Wild Goat ..... Mr. Oswald 2  
Dr. Gardener's White Satin ..... Mr. Krohn 3  
Captain Hope's Gleanings ..... Mr. Green 0

This was the closest race of the meeting; Tipster and Wild Goat raced down the straight together, the former winning by a short head. Time 68 sec.

THE HAWTHORN CUP, (presented), entrance \$5; Second pony to receive \$30; for all Fenchow owned Subscription Griffins at this and previous meetings; winners of one race at this or previous meetings 7 lbs., of two or more 12 lbs. extra. Twice Round.

The Silver Stable's Chop-Dollar ..... Mr. Green 1  
Captain Hope's Dandy Dick ..... Mr. Baker 2  
Major Bagstock's Bluecoat ..... Mr. Oswald 3  
Mr. Flox's Begonia ..... Mr. Drummond 0

Time 3:15½ sec.

THE FOOCHOW STAKES, of \$10 each; a forced entry for all China Ponies entered at this meeting, except those entered only for the Hack Stakes or Cosmopolitan Cup, and optional for Subscription Griffins; divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent. to First, Second and Third Ponies; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Min's Reaper ..... Mr. Baker 1  
Mr. August's Piccadilly ..... Mr. Harger 2  
Mr. von Tanner's Igron ..... Mr. Moorhead 3  
Mr. Graham's Cheviot ..... Mr. Oswald 0

Won easily; time 3:04 sec.

THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER. THE TEAMEN'S CUP, (presented), value \$5; entrance \$10; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 5 lbs. extra for each race won. One mile and a half.

Major Bagstock's Herald ..... Mr. Oswald 1  
Mr. August's Piccadilly ..... Mr. Harger 2  
Won in a canter; time 3:56½ sec.

THE LEADER CUP, (presented), value \$100; Second Pony to receive \$25; entrance \$5; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners to lbs. extra. Once Round.

Mr. von Tanner's Igron ..... Mr. Moorhead 1  
Mr. Cameron's Almansor ..... Mr. Oswald 2  
Baron Magenta's Mayflower ..... Mr. Green 3

Won by half a length; time 1:32½ sec.

THE LADIES PURSE, (presented), entrance \$5; for all Fenchow owned Subscription Griffins at this and previous meetings; weights as per scale; winners at this or previous meetings 7 lbs. extra; riders who have never won a race allowed 7 lbs. Once Round.

The Silver Stable's Chop-Dollar ..... Mr. Green 1  
Captain Hope's Dandy Dick ..... Mr. Oswald 2  
Mr. Flox's Begonia ..... Mr. Drummond 3

Won easily, a good race between second and third; time 1:37 sec.

THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added; divided 60, 25 and 15 per cent. to First, Second and Third Ponies; for bond fide beaten Subscription Griffins; weights as per scale. Half a mile.

The Silver Stable's Sycee ..... Mr. Green 1  
Mr. Flox's Begonia ..... Mr. Drummond 2  
Mr. Rob's Clydesdale ..... Mr. Moorhead 3  
Mr. Cameron's Tatters ..... Mr. Oswald 0

Won easily; time 73 sec.

THE CONSOLATION CUP, value \$100; Second pony to receive \$25; entrance \$5; for all bond fide beaten Ponies that have not won a race at this meeting; weights as per scale. One mile.

Mr. Graham's Cheviot ..... Mr. Oswald 1  
Mr. Min's Yeoman ..... Mr. Baker 2  
Mr. Elerton's Primus ..... Mr. Moorhead 3

Won easily; time 2:34½ sec.

THE CHAMPION STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added; a forced entry for all winners at this meeting, except the winners of the Hacks, Consolation and Subscription Griffins races; winners of 2 races at this meeting \$15 extra, of more than 2 races \$40 extra; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Min's Reaper ..... Mr. W. O. Baker 0  
The Silver Challenge Cup, entrance \$10; for all Subscription Griffins at this and previous meetings; to be won twice by a pony the bond fide property of some owner or owners; the Entrance fees to go to the Club, and \$100 to be paid to winner, except in the case of the cup being finally won, and \$20 to the Second Pony; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Captain Hope's Star ..... Mr. Baker 1  
Mr. Rob's Clydesdale ..... Mr. Moorhead 2  
The Silver Stable's Chop-Dollar ..... Mr. Green 3  
Major Bagstock's Herald ..... Mr. Oswald 0

Time 3:21 sec.

THE COSMOPOLITAN CUP, (presented), value \$5; entrance \$5; for all China Ponies; catch weights over 11st. 7 lbs. Hacks and Subscription Griffins of this or previous meetings allowed 7 lbs.; to be ridden by residents of this province and officers of the Army and Navy. Three quarters of a mile.

Baron Magenta's Mayflower ..... Mr. Moorhead 1  
Mr. Cameron's Wild Goat ..... Mr. Oswald 2  
Mr. Moray's Tipster ..... Mr. Baker 3  
Captain Hope's Dandy ..... Mr. Drummond 0

Mayflower came in with a rush at the Stand and won easily; time 1:52 sec.

NOTES OF TRAVEL TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST OF TIENSIN.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

In passing up the Grand Canal recently, the writer noticed that a number of the larger boats, for the express purpose of carrying the Kaiting coals to market, were now being used to transport salt to Tao Kiao, the head of navigation on this Wei river. There were 18 or 20 of these barges in the fleet. They were

accompanied by a small steam tug, which seemed to be for the purpose of helping them around the hard places. It was noticed that many of the old cargo boats were loaded and destined as these were to the release of these barges for other work, presumably by the Railroad doing what they formerly did, has not, apparently, interfered with the business of the other boats.

Two large cargo boats carrying about 500 barrels of Portland cement were en route to the same point, whence the cement is to be sent across country to the Yellow River. It could not be ascertained at whose instigation it was being sent, whether officially for public works, or as a private speculation, but in either case, it is an interesting and significant fact.

It is probably not known to most persons, that much of the country to the west of us is just on the verge of a famine, of nearly or quite as large proportions as the one in which foreign funds were expended about ten years ago. In a journey of over 200 miles from Tientsin, with rare exceptions, the statement was that there had been only a little over half a crop the last season. Beyond this, distant some 800 or 900 li from Tientsin, the border of the famine districts is reached. Refugees, and other Chinese who had been in those sections of country were met, and the general testimony is that the past season's crop ranges from one tenth to three or four tenths of a good harvest. A large portion of the southern Chihli, and southern Shantung seem to be involved in this calamity. Some of the accounts are very distressing. A little camp of these refugees, 8 or 10 families, perhaps, who were almost destitute of everything, had planted themselves by a large market town, their little huts being constructed of one thickness of reed mats, their only protection in the November nights.

Not enough is as yet known of the actual condition of these famine stricken regions to warrant positive statements, or even suggestions, as to what ought to be done for their relief. But, the string of refugees, and the tale of suffering, certify to the fact of a famine. Would it not be well that some steps be taken to ascertain where is the greatest need, and apply the balance of the Relief Fund referred to recently by Dr. Williamson in print, to the sufferers of those regions? It is a suggestion for those especially within reach of those sections, and who have the facilities for ascertaining the facts. It would be a proper use of such a fund.—N. C. Daily News.

## AMOY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Amoy, December 23rd, 1888.

There is little or no news worthy of notice stirring in this port, at present, nearly the whole of our little community being engaged in racing matters.

The Chinese fleet under the command of Admiral Ting arrived here on the 16th inst. from Fenchow, comprising the *Ting Yuen*, *Ching Yuen*, *Ching Yuen*, *Ching Yuen*, *Ching Yuen*, and *Lat Yuen*. I believe they will leave shortly for a ten days' cruise to the Pescadores, after which they are coming back to winter here. The two largest vessels, the *Ting Yuen*, and *Ching Yuen*, will come to Hongkong to be docked, and the



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27th December, 1888.

ANOTHER BRILLIANT CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.  
NEW EQUESTRIAN SCENES.  
NEW SENSATIONAL ACTS.  
NEW HORSES EDUCATED IN BOTH SCHOOLS.  
NEW COMIC AND LAUGHABLE SCENES.

**TO-NIGHT.**

Mlle. Le Blonde Harmonist, the dashing and First Class Equestrienne, will appear as the "ENGLISH BOUNDING JOCKEY" leaping from the ground upon the Horse's back without the assistance of the hands. She is acknowledged "PAR EXCELLENCE" to be superior to any Lady Rider in this particular act.

**TO-NIGHT.**

Mr. GEORGE HARMONIST will carry upon a Barebacked Horse and in different attitudes the Youngest Equestrienne, Miss CHARLOTTE ROWLAND.

**TO-NIGHT.**

The side splitting scene of the MONKEY RACES, by Lampon Monkeys riding on Cosmopolitan Ponies.

**TO-NIGHT.**

THE PRANKS IN AN ENGLISH SCHOOL, or LES ENFANTS TERRIBLES by all the Company, introducing Comic Dance by the Girls and Boys.

Doors open at 3 and 8 P.M.; play commences at 3:30 and 9 sharp.

**GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES!!!**  
Boxes with 6 Chairs.....\$9.00  
Single Chairs in Boxes.....1.50  
Dress Circle Chairs.....1.00  
Carpet Seats.....0.50  
Gallery.....0.30

Children and Soldiers in uniform in the Gallery 20 Cents. To all other parts of the house Half Price.

L. MAYA, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1322]

**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

**THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.**

DIRECTORS.....Mr. P. W. WILLARD.  
JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

**THIS EVENING,**  
the 27th December, 1888.

Audran's Popular Comic Opera,  
"LA MASCOTTE."

**CAST OF CHARACTERS.**

King Lorenzo.....Mr. J. F. SHERIDAN.  
Rocco (A Farmer).....A. SUTCH.  
Pippo (A Shepherd).....H. M. IMANO.  
Fritellini.....CH. FISHER.  
Chamberlain.....W. HASSAN.  
Attendant.....W. CRIPPS.  
Fiametta (Detached to Fritellini).....Miss FLO. MORRISON.  
Giacomo.....VERA PATRY.  
Fernando.....E. LEAMINGTON.  
Beppo.....NELLIE ARLINE.  
AND  
Betina (The Mascotte).....K. WHITEFORD.

**ACT I.—ROCCO'S FARM.**

**ACT II.—PALACE OF KING LORENZO.**

**ACT III.—AT THE FOOT OF THE APPENINES.**

Conductor.....Mr. J. A. ROBERTSON.

**PRICES OF ADMISSION—**  
Dress Circle and Special Stalls.....\$3.00  
Stalls.....2.00  
Pit.....1.00

The Plan may be seen and Seats secured at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

REMBERTON W. WILLARD.  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1888. [1323]

**OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

**NOTICE.**

**CONSIGNEES OF CARGO** per Steamship OCEANIC.  
The above Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

CHS. D. HARMAN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1888. [1]

**HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION SOCIETY.**

**THE 16TH EXHIBITION** will be held on the 14th and 15th of February next. Schedules of Prizes and Rules to be obtained from

CHARLES FORD, Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1888. [1334]

### Today's Advertisements.

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

**THE Company's Steamship**

"ZAFIRO."

Captain McCaslin, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1888. [1331]

### Amusements.

**AL FRESCO FETE!**  
AL FRESCO FETE!!!  
AL FRESCO FETE!!!

TO BE HELD

**TO-MORROW,**

the 28th and 29th December, 1888.

**STALLS FOR THE SALE OF MAGNIFICENT EMBROIDERIES AND RARE CURIOS.**

**WONDERFUL STRUTTING PHOENIX**  
NEWLY CAPTURED.

**TROUPE OF CHINESE TUMBLERS.**

**GRILL ROOM.**

Under the Personal Superintendence of Mr. THOMAS.

**GRAND SURGICAL EXHIBITION,**  
under direction of a Local Medical Celebrity.

**SPORTING LION.**

**BRILLIANT ILLUMINATIONS.**  
Thousands of Lanterns.

**MILITARY BAND,**  
(By kind Permission of Colonel Anderson and the Officers of the 58th Regt.)

**CHINESE PRIZE BAND.**

**SPECIAL COMPANY OF CHINESE ACTORS.**  
FINE ART EXHIBITION,  
under the Direction of the Lord 'Chancellor' and 'Lord O'  
MAGNIFICENT AND UNIQUE COLLECTION!

**GATES TO OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.**  
ENTRANCES.—All the Garden Gates (except that in Garden Road next to Kennedy Road Nullah), which thoroughfare will be CLOSED on both nights of the Fete.

**PRICE OF ADMISSION.**

ONE DOLLAR (\$1).....EACH DAY.  
Schools, Children, Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform, Half-price.

Tickets now for sale at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD.'S and Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1329]

### Insurances.

**THE NEGLECT OF LIFE ASSURANCE.**

THERE is no feature of our civilised life that strikes a thoughtful man with more force than the neglect of LIFE ASSURANCE. By payment of a small quarterly subscription any man of good health can secure a very large sum to his family in case of premature death, yet hundreds of families brought up in comfort—perhaps in luxury—are left in extreme poverty every year from the bread winner having neglected to assure his life. In the East many a man lives up to his income, knowing well that if death cut him off suddenly, his wife and children would be left almost wholly unprovided for. All this can be prevented by Life Assurance.

**EVERY FACILITY**

In connection with Life Assurance Business is afforded by  
**THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,**  
one of the largest and wealthiest of the Provident Institutions of the United Kingdom. Forms of application and all information will be promptly afforded on application to any of the Standard Company's Agents, or to  
**THE BORNEO COMPANY, LD.,**  
Agents, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 29th June, 1888. [659]

**NOTICE.**

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS AT CURRENT RATES ON GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agents.

**WOO LIN YUEN**  
Secretary.

**HEAD OFFICE,**  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1882. [150]

**GENERAL NOTICE.**

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).**

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, } \$833,333-33  
EQUALLY TO }  
RESERVE FUND.....\$240,000-00.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.  
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

**MANAGER.—HO AMEL.**

**MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c.,** taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

**HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.**  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [858]

**MACAO.**

**WANTED** to purchase, in a good situation in Macao, Small FAMILY RESIDENCE commanding a sea-view. Price must be Moderate. Apply with full particulars, by letter only, to  
W. H.  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 25th September, 1888. [954]

### STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Bengloe	Singapore	December 27th	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Telemachus	Liverpool	December 27th	Butterfield & Swire.
Japan	Calcutta	December 30th	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Bornida	Genoa	December 31st	Carlowitz & Co.
Albany	Vancouver	January 1st	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Glencagles	New York	January 2nd	Jardine, Matheson & Co.

### STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Peshawur	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 2nd, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Sarpedon	Butterfield & Swire.	December 30th.
London, via Suez Canal	Oopack	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	January 2nd.
Marseilles	Paris	A. R. Maity	About Dec. 28th.
Bremen, & Ports of Call.	Bayern	Melchers & Co.	Jan. 20th, at 10 a.m.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Stura	Carlowitz & Co.	About Dec. 29.
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Daphne	Siemssen & Co.	Jan. 5th, at noon.
New York	Lennox	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco, via Ythama	City of Sydney	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Dec. 29th, at 1 p.m.
San Francisco, via Ythama	Oceanic	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Jan. 8th, at 1 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via K. &c.	Abyssinia	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Jan. 10th, at 3 p.m.
Port Darwin, &c.	Chingtu	Butterfield & Swire.	Dec. 30th, daylight.
Sandakan, Kudat, &c.	Memnon	Butterfield & Swire.	Jan. 1st, at 4 p.m.
Singapore and Sourabaya	Tetartos	Ah Yon & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Yokohama, via Nanki, &c.	Varona	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 6th, daylight.
Yokohama, Kobe, &c.	General Wender	Melchers & Co.	Dec. 29th, at 10 a.m.
Kobe and Yokohama	Bengloe	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Telemachus	Butterfield & Swire.	December 29th.
Shanghai	Peking	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Bayern	Melchers & Co.	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.
Manila, via Amoy	Zafiro	Russell & Co.	Dec. 29th, at 4 p.m.
Coast Ports	Namoa	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 30th, daylight.

### Intimations.

**W. POWELL & CO.**

EX S.S. "PESHAUWUR."  
FURTHER SUPPLIES

OF  
NEW GOODS

suitable for

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.**

Victoria Exchange, Hongkong, 18th December, 1888.

W. POWELL & Co. [6]

**INTIMATION.**

**F. Blackhead & Co.,**

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS,

AND

PROVISION MERCHANTS

NAVY CONTRACTORS,

AND

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

No. 11, Praya Central,

(Opposite Pedder's Wharf).

**SOLE AGENTS**

for

**RAHTJEN'S GENUINE COMPOSITION**

FOR

THE BOTTOMS OF IRON SHIPS

CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS

PRESERVATIVE AGAINST

ROTTING, DECAY, &c., OF WOOD.

CHR. MOTZ & Co., BORDEAUX, CLARETS.

IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE,

LA GRANDE MARQUE.

FLensburg STOCKBEER,

ENGINEERS AND BLACKSMITHS' TOOLS

AND EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S

STORES AND REQUISITES

ALWAYS IN STOCK

AT

REASONABLE PRICES.

ALL KINDS OF

COALS

SUPPLIED AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1885. [85]

**NOTICE.**

**JEY'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS**  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned have this day been

appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale

of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and

are prepared to supply quantities to suit

purchasers, at Wholesale Prices, Extra Special

terms for Shipping and large Orders.

Sir ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., C.E., Chief

Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board

London, says  
"It is the best Disinfectant in use."

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,  
Bank Buildings.  
Hongkong, 1st October, 1888. [976]

**FOR SALE.**

**AT WHOLESALE PRICES.**

SACCONES' SHERRY, PORT, CLARETS.

BURGUNDY, HOCKS, CHAMPAGNES.

BRANDIES, WHISKIES.

"EMPIRE" ALE AND STOUT.

MACHINERY, GAS ENGINES, "EMPIRE"

LUBRICATORS.

SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES.

COOKING STOVES, SCALES.

PAINTS, OILS AND VARNISH.

BICYCLES AND TRICYCLES.

JUVENILE VELOCIPED HORSES AND

TRICYCLES.

BICYCLE WHEELS for JINRICKSHAS.

SODA WATER MACHINERY.

JEY'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS.

Apply to

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,  
Bank Buildings.  
Hongkong, 25th September, 1888. [11]

### Notices of Firms.

**NOTICE.**

I HAVE this day commenced Business as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.  
**HECTOR SAMSON.**  
Office, No. 9, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1223]

### To be Let.

**TO LET.**

AT the Peak "LA HACIENDA," formerly occupied by Sir George Philippo.  
Apply to  
H. N. MODY,  
Victoria Buildings.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1266]

**TO LET.**

ROOMS in "COLLEGE CHAMBERS."  
OFFICES in "VICTORIA BUILDINGS" from 1st February.  
Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [12]

**TO LET.**

OFFICES and GODOWNS now occupied by the MESSAGERIES MARITIMES Co. being No. 8, Praya Central.  
Possession from 1st February next.  
Apply to  
LAI HING & Co.,  
No. 153, Queen's Road, Central,  
or to  
C. EWENS.  
Hongkong, 15th November, 1888. [1162]

**TO LET, FURNISHED.**

AT the Peak, "Dunford," A FIVE ROOMED HOUSE with Tennis Court. Possession from the 15th instant to the 31st March, 1889, or 1890.  
Apply to  
J. Y. V. VERNON.  
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1888. [1118]

### Intimations.

**NOTICE.**

CROWN RENTS for the half year ending 25th December, 1888, should be paid into the TREASURY on or before the 15th January next.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,  
Acting Treasurer.  
Treasury,  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1330]

**NOTICE.**

THE following is published for the information of Tradesmen who may supply the Mess. The Officers of the 1st Bat. Arg. and Suth. Highlanders are NOT RESPONSIBLE for DEBTS incurred by or on behalf of the Messman, nor will they be Responsible for any incurred by the Mess Sergeant, or other person, without the Written Authority of the President of the Mess or Commanding Officer.  
VERNON CHATER,  
President Mess Committee.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1328]

**NOTICE.**

A SINGLE GENTLEMAN WANTS BOARD and LODGINGS in or near Wyndham Street.  
Address  
R. W.  
Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1888. [1296]

**HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 19th December to the 1st of January, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1888. [1295]

**THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be